

REMARKS

Introduction

Claims 1 and 25 have been amended. The application continues to include claims 1, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30-33, and 35.

The above amendments to claims 1 and 25 are submitted in an effort to improve the quality of the issued patent. The claim amendments do not have any effect on the patentability or the scope of the claims, and were not submitted earlier due to the fact that the need for these amendments came to the attention of the Applicant upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for taking the time to conduct a telephone interview with the Applicant's representative on August 31, 2011 to discuss this Amendment. The substance of the interview is reflected in this Amendment.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests timely entry of the amendments to claims 1 and 25.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests favorable action in connection with this application.

The Examiner is invited and urged to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

No fee should be required for this submission. However, should any fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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